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I oppose the Governor's proposed FY2015-16 budget. The financial strain of the budget cuts to many local libraries would degrade the value of the services libraries provide to their communities. I also strongly oppose Governor's Bill No. 942 which would eliminate state- supported cooperative library service units (CLC).

Specifically, Simsbury Public Library's (SPL) membership in the CT Library Consortium (CLC) results in an annual savings of \$50,000 to \$60,000 through group purchasing and consortium discounts. The FY 2015-16 budget will directly cause a loss of \$16,000 a year for the Simsbury Public Library, resulting in untenable budget cuts to cover that state money.

Our library is an asset to Simsbury from our youngest residents to our teens and to our seniors. Such cuts will result in loss of services and programs that make our public library the jewel of our community.

Sincerely,
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